(vi) Detailed bills are supplied to the subscribers of E-10B exchange.

(vii) Dynamic STD facility has been made available to subscribers of Electronic Exchanges who wish to have this facility.

(viii) Fortnightly meter readings are taken, difference worked out and spurts identified.

विद्युत परियोजनाओं के लिए प्रस्ताव

*115. **डा. जिनेन्द्र कुमार जैन :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार को देश में विद्युत परियोजनाओं के निर्माण हेतु अब तक 143 प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस समय इस प्रकार की केवल 43 परियोजनाओं को कार्यान्वित किया जा रहा है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस सम्बन्ध में तथ्यगत स्थिति क्या है; और

(घ) देश में जिन परियोजनाओं को कार्यान्वित किया जा रहा है उसके फलस्वरूप जून, 1993 के अंत तक विद्युत उत्पादन की कितनी और क्षमता स्थापित हो जाने की सम्भावना है ?

विद्युत मंत्री (श्री एन. के. पी. साल्वे) : (क) से (ग) 45 विद्युत परियोजनाओं जिनसे 24577.5 मे. वा. अतिरिक्त क्षमता प्राप्त होगी, की स्थापना के सम्बन्ध में निजी क्षेत्र द्वारा रुचि दिखाई गई है। निजी क्षेत्र में विद्यमान क्षमता 3005.5 मे. वा. है और कुल वा. क्षमता वाली परियोजनाए निर्माणाधीन हैं।

(घ) नई नीति लागू किए जाने के बाद से जून, 1993 तक निजी क्षेत्र म निम्नलिखित क्षमता जोड़ी गई है;

(1) गुजरात इन्ड-स्ट्रीज पावर कं. लि. 145.00 मे.वा.

(2) आन्ध्र प्रदेश गैस पावर कार-पोरेशन 99.00 मे. वा.

Impact to Gold Import Policy on Smuggling

*116. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Loophole in Gold import" which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 24th March, 1993;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) what is the quantity of gold that has been brought to the country by NRIs since April, 1992, in each Airport and Port;

(d) what is the number of vouchers that have been issued till date;

(e) the total amount of duty collected by Government from NRIs under this scheme;

(f) what is the quantity of gold that has been confiscated by customs since April, 1992, region-wise|State-wise; and

(g) whether any study has been conducted to find out whether the rate of gold smuggling has come down since the introduction of gold import by NRIs and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir. A news item titled "An 'Official' Way To Smuggle Gold" appeared in the Indian Express, New Delhi Edition dated 24th March, 1993. It has been alleged in the newsitem that there is a "loophole" in the Scheme for import of gold by the Non-Resident Indians and that the Customs Duty Receipts for import of gold under the Scheme are being misused to cover the possession and carriage of smuggled gold.

(b) Government was aware of the possible misuse of the Customs Duty Receipts issued to incoming Non-Resident Indians for importing gold under the Gold Import Scheme. Accordingly, instructions were issued by the Government in August, 1992 itself to all the field formations to ensure that all possible identifying particulars of the imported gold were written in the duty paying receipts alongwith the name and full address of the passenger so that the possibility of misuse could be minimised.

(c) The quantity of gold imported under the Gold Import Scheme since April, 1992 at various ports and airports is furnished in the Statement. (*See* below)

(d) The information regarding the number of Duty Paying Receipts issued under the Gold Import Scheme is not centrally monitored by the Government.

(e) The total amount of duty collected by the Government under the Gold Import Scheme upto 21.07.1993 is Rs. 359 crores convertible foreign currency.

(f) The quantity of gold seized by the various enforcement agencies since April, 1992 is furnished in the Statement II. (*See* below) annexed (Annexure-II)

(g) A continuous appraisal is made by the Government of the trends in gold smuggling. This appraisal has revealed that gold smuggling has become far less profitable after the introduction of the Gold Import Scheme. There are indications that the gold smuggling has come down since then.

Statement-I

Quantity of Gold Imported under the Gold Import Scheme from 01-04-1992 *to* 30-06-93

Sl. No.	Name of the Airport	Quantity imported (in Ks.)
1.	Bombay	72227.75
2.	Delhi	24955.59
3.	Madras	27936.13
4.	Calcutta	20.73
5.	Trivandrum	829.05
6.	Calicut	4424.00
7.	Others	27255.91
	TOTAL	157649.16

Statement-II

Statement showing seizures of Gold Statewise from April, 1992 to June, 1993

Name of the State	Quantity seized (in Rs.)
1	2
Maharashtra	898.50
Kerala;	410.00
Gujrat	61.70
Karnataka	31.40
Goa	..
West Bengal;	131.00
Tamilnadu	277.00

Name of the State	Quantity seized (in Rs.)
Andhra Pradesh . . .	14.70
Orissa	..
J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh & Punjab . . .	317.00
Rajasthan . . .	175.00
Bihar	12.00
Delhi & Haryana . . .	321.00
Uttar Pradesh . . .	3.00
Madhya Pradesh . . .	..
Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland & Arunachal Pradesh . .	30.00
Sikkim	..

Stopping of loan assistance to Handloom Weavers

*117. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for stopping the scheme of giving loan assistance to weavers to enroll themselves as members of the Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies; and

(b) the steps taken to redress the grievances of the handloom sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The scheme "Loan Assistance to handloom weavers to enroll themselves as members of Primary Weavers Cooperative Societies" has been transferred to the state sector from the year 1993-94.

(b) The scheme Margin Money for Destitute Weavers which is in operation from the year 1991-92 specially focuses on handloom weavers living below the poverty line. The Janata Cloth Scheme and the Market Development Assistance Scheme provide support for production and marketing for the handloom sector. The Welfare Schemes under implementation for the benefit of handloom weavers include Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Thrift Fund Scheme, Group Insurance Scheme and Health Package Scheme.

FERA violation by car importers

*118. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a press news-item captioned "Hawala in import of cars" as reported in the "Times of India" dated the 23rd June, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether action for violation of FERA has been launched by Government against the dealers of imported cars, in the Capital; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what further action Government propose to contemplate in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Preliminary investigations have been conducted into the import of cars and notices have been given to the importers under the law.

Exemption from Income-Tax of Small Fishery Farmers

*119. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Agriculture has recom